

The Librarians of the Technical College System of Georgia & their Response to Internet Filtering: How to win friends and make procedural changes

I. Internet filtering within the TCSG

- A. Technical colleges in the state of Georgia are mandated to filter ALL computers
- B. Required Categories
- C. The level of filtering is determined by each TC and in some cases by individual campuses
- D. Examples of Filtered Categories

II. Filtering: Trick or Treat?

- A. Who controls the filtering?
- B. Why is there filtering?
- C. What can be done about it?

III. TCSG Academic Freedom Policy

IV. TCSG Computer & Internet Policy

V. GLA Statement on Internet Filtering (Abridged)

VI. The Problems

- A. Students' intellectual pursuits hampered by extreme filtering on some campuses
- B. Disconnect between librarians and IT
- C. No structure in place to address specific filtering issues on most campuses

VII. Response to Internet Filtering

- A. Internet Access Committee
- B. Internet Access Policy Position Paper

VIII. Internet Access Survey

IX. Conclusions

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